

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 18, 2013**

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Ronald G. Sipkema, H. Dan Stalbaum, Gerrit H. DeVries, Rein O. Bontreger, John T. Price, Stephen R. Jordan and Andrew Andree. Also present was the Auditor of Jasper County, Kimberly K. Grow and Deputy Auditor, Donya Jordan. Mr. Sipkema called the meeting to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Jordan.

MINUTES: Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2013. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION / JAIL SPECIAL CAGIT / DETENTION CENTER PROJECT: Councilman DeVries made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-06A** in the amount of \$700,000.00. This money is to fund the remedy of the heating and cooling issues at the Jasper County Detention Center. Mr. Price seconded and this motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/JURY PAY FUND/CIRCUIT COURT JURY FEES: Judge Potter had submitted a letter requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,200.00 out of the Jury Pay Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Stalbaum and seconded by Councilman Andree to approve the **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-06B**. This motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RIGHT TO KNOW FUND: Karen Wilson, Director of Emergency Management submitted a letter requesting a transfer \$1,000.00 from Capital Outlays/Office Equipment to Other Services and Charges/Hazardous Materials Training. Mr. Andree made the motion to approve this. Mr. Bontreger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

SUPERIOR COURT/PART TIME EMPLOYEE: Judge Ahler was present to discuss his request for funding of a part time employee due to a serious illness of one of his employees. The amount of this request will be advertised for the July meeting.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: The agenda for this meeting was passed out. The meeting is scheduled for 7:45 A.M., C.S.T., Saturday, June 29, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Primo Conference Center in Plainfield, IN.

2014 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE: This schedule was passed out to the council members. The dates include Tuesday evening of August 20th, all day Monday, August 26th, all day Tuesday, August 27th, Friday, August 30th if needed and the adoption date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th.

X-SOFT PROGRAM: A letter from Jasper County Assessor Dawn Hoffman was distributed. She is requesting to have \$40,000.00 appropriated in the County Sales Disclosure Fund to pay for the first installment and maintenance for this software. The money in this fund is collected through sales disclosures on real estate transactions in the auditor's office and can only be used for specific purposes. This purchase falls within the guidelines. The remaining installments will be made from the CEDIT Fund next year. This request will be advertised for the July meeting.

ABATEMENTS FOR 13 PAY 14: The compliance forms for these abatements were handed out. Representatives for the companies have been invited to and will be giving an update on their business at the July 23rd council meeting.

LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX: The council wants to hold a public hearing concerning the three Local Option Income Taxes at their July 23rd meeting. Councilman Jordan made a motion to have a financial advisor from Umbaugh at this meeting to give their expert opinion on what

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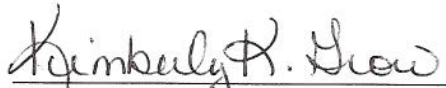
the effect would be for the county and the other taxing units in the county if the Local Option Income Tax Property Tax Replacement Credit is reduced. Mr. Price seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

ABATEMENTS: Mr. DeVries passed out a printout with suggestions for the new Jasper County Abatement Package that is in the works. Attorney Monfort and Kevin Kelly are working to finalize this project for the council to adopt.

Mr. Andree made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Stalbaum seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.



Ronald G. Sipkema, President



Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County

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